

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2017
Festival of the Christian Home

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor
Dr. Saeko Hayashi, guest speaker

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Welcome

Gloria Kobayashi

Prelude: Barcarolle -- *Moore*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: As we read this call remember the Families who are in need.

Leader: Pray for families who are hungry.

People: Pray harder for those who will not feed them.

Leader: Pray for families who struggle each week to pay their bills.

People: Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.

Leader: Pray for families who are homeless.

People: Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.

Leader: Pray for the sick and lonely.

People: Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.

Leader: Pray for all who cry out for dignity.

People: Pray harder for those who will not listen. Amen.

Hymn: # # 498 **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love (vs. 1 – 4)**

Invocation in unison

God of Life, you are as near to us as our breath. Touch our eyes, that we may see you in one another. Open our ears, that we may hear your voice in the cries of families in need. Enter our hearts, that we may be filled with your love toward all people. Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness. Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way. Amen

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Flowers Will Bloom--*Shunji & Yoko, Hawaiian Translation by Kupaoa*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Time with Children and Blessing of the Housewarming Kits

Board of Christian Education

Recognition of Graduates, Teachers and Students

Board of Christian Education

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle for the

Lord's Prayer in unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 31: 1-5 & 15-16

Sharing

Dr. Saeko Hayashi

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Prayers

Hymn #575: O For A World (vs. 1-5)

Invitation to the Offering

Loving and generous God, you are the font of every blessing, the source of all we have. Your breath gives us life, your love gives us courage and strength, healing and compassion. You care for us like a loving parent and feed our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. We thank you for your abundance given freely to all. Create in us new hearts to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Help us to know that our abundance is for others' needs. God's abundance is enough for all if we share. Today's Offering will now be received.

Offertory: Invention – *Peeters*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen

Prayer of Dedication in unison

God we lift up our offerings to you in the knowledge that you are already at work amid the brokenness of our world and that you invite each of us to be a part of your holy work. We live in the hope that together we might be the people you have called us to be, reflecting your compassion, mercy and justice in all that we do. In your holy name we pray – Amen.

Hymn #584: I Am the Light of the World (vs. 2-4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #498: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (vs. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: A Trumpet Gavotte -- *Tambling*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, May 14 – Trustee Meeting

Today, May 14 – Mother’s Day

Today, May 14 – Housewarming kits assembled and dedicated

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Guest Speaker: Dr. Saeko Hayashi

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Woody Kita, Bev Dodo, Mary Ann Katayama, and Ann Kanahela

Lay Reader: Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Flowers: Laura Ota

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Woody Kita

Office Manager: Pearl “Momi” Lyman

Web Master: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **A Gathering Place**, Mondays 9-12 noon, Building of Faith
- **Rhythm & Life**, Tuesdays, 3 pm, Building of Faith
- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho’opakele**, Thursdays, 9 am in the Lounge
- **Qigong**, Fridays, 9:30 am in the Building of Faith

Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** worship in the Sanctuary Sundays from 2 to 4 pm and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm

Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa, Stiven Pousima

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith Sundays at 10 am.

Rev. Bensis Henry, Rev. Henry Wilson

- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa** - worship in the sanctuary, Sundays at 12 noon.
Rev. Ausage Lelili'o and Rev. Rae Lelili'o
- **The Bedesta Church** worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith, Sundays at 1:30 pm.
Rev. Edmes Edwin
- **Muslim Community Group** worship in the Building of Faith Meeting Room, Fridays at 1:00 pm.